(b) if so, their number during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to introduce a scheme of giving titles and awards to those entrepreneurs who have plans to create more jobs for jobless; and

(d) if so, by when such a scheme is likely to be implemented together with details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) The number of job-seekers not all of whom were necessarily unemployed at the end of years 1990, 1991 & 1992 were 346.3, 363.0 & 367.6 lakhs respectively.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is presently under consideration in the Ministry of Labour.

PROVISIONS FOR DIVERTING THE WAGES OF EMPLOYEES

2438. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that under the fourth Schedule, Part A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 there is no provision of diverting 1-1|6 of the wages of employees from provident fund contributions to the family pension fund;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have recently permitted such a diversion;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the number of labour organisations have represented to Government against such a diversion; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) Section 6A of the EPF & MP Act, 1952 provides for diversion of a portion of the provident fund contribution towards the family pension fund set up under the Family Pension Scheme which is in operation with effect from 01-03-1971. Under section 9 of the EPF & MP Act the Employees Provident Fund is deemed to be a recognised provident fund for the purpose of the Income Tax Act.

(d) and (e) Certain employees unions had filed writ petitions challenging the provisions of the Family Pension Scheme in the High Court of Bombay. The Court upheld the validity of the Family Pension Scheme and dismissed their petition. The petitioners have now filed a Special Leave Petition before the Supreme Court of India. The Government has asked the EPF Organisation to take necessary action for defending the case in the Court.

NEW JOBS WERE REQUIRED FOR Unemployed

2439. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as on 1st April, 1992 new jobs were required for 23 million unemployed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 35 million labour force would be added during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the projected new job requirement between 1997-2002 would be 36 million; and

(d) if so, what is the segment with estimated job absorption during Eighth Five Year Plan and what would be un-